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FROM JOHN BUSTERUD, SCEQ

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LOS VIEWS

1. BUSTERUD MET JAN 15 WITH DR. REYNALDO M. LESACA, COMMISSIONER NATIONAL WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION AND PROBABLE DELEGATE TO NAIROBI MEETING UN/EP.

2. BUSTERUD OUTLINED U.S. GOALS FOR MEETING, STRESSING NEED FOR APPLYING FUND TO ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES, PROVIDING DIRECTOR STRON WITH ADEQUATE AUTHORITY AND DEVELOPING BALANCED UNEP PROGRAM. HE THEN REVIEWED U.S. PRIORITIES.

3. LESACA EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH GOALS AND PRIORITIES,
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STRESSING AS PHILIPPINE TOP PRIORITIES TRAINING AND TECH-

NICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, MONITORING, AND MARINE POLLUTION. HE HOPED LEADERSHIP OF GROUP OF 77, AND PARTICULARLY JAMAICA, WOULD PERFORM DIFFERENTLY THAN AT LAST MEETING GOV COUNCIL IN GENEVA.

4. LESACA USED OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE ARCHIPELAGO LOS POSITION, REFERRING TO PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY PHILIPPINES EARLIER AS SHOWN 1971 MAP. EMBASSY IS OBTAINING COPY OF MAP AND WILL POUCH. LESACA EMPHASIZED NEED FOR CONTROL OVER LARGE SULU SEA AREA WITH REFERENCE TO TANKER POLLUTION (TWO TANKERS COLLIDED THERE SOME TIME AGO) AND RESOURCE EXPLOITATION GENERALLY. SAID HIS GOVERNMENT IN CLOSE COOPERATION INDONESIA ON THIS ISSUE. ON OTHER HAND, HE RECOGNIZED U.S. AND USSR POSITIONS COINCIDED ON ARCHIPELAGO ISSUE. (LESACA NOTED HE WILL NOT BE LOS DELEGATE.)

5. BUSTERUD URGED PHILIPPINE RECONSIDERATION OF ARCHIPELAGO POSITION AND WELCOMED ANY CONSTRUCTIVE NEW PROPOSALS.

6. BUSTERUD ALSO MET WITH DR. ESTELA ZAMORA, DEAN OF GRADUATE SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY SANTO TOMAS, ORGANIZER ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER OF PHILIPPINES AND MEMBER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. SHE INDICATED CENTER RECEIVING FULL SUPPORT OF TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (MRS. MARCOS FOR ONE). SHE ALSO REFERRED TO SERIOUS PROBLEM CAUSED BY JAPANESE MINING OF CORAL ON CONTINENTAL SHELF, NEAR MINDORO, MUCH OF WHICH IS VALUABLE AND STRESSED NECESSITY PHILIPPINE CONTROL OVER EXPLOITATION.
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